

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for managing a transportation equipment supply chain utilizing a
2 network, comprising:
 - 3 a) receiving data from a plurality of transportation equipment outlets of a
4 transportation equipment supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the
5 sale of transportation equipment by the transportation equipment outlets;
 - 6 b) generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering transportation
7 equipment from a transportation equipment distributor of the transportation
8 equipment supply chain;
 - 9 c) transmitting the data to the transportation equipment distributor of the
10 transportation equipment supply chain utilizing the network;
 - 11 d) transmitting the data to a transportation equipment supplier of the transportation
12 equipment supply chain utilizing the network; and
 - 13 e) forecasting activity in the transportation equipment supply chain utilizing the
14 data.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 transportation equipment distributors and transportation equipment suppliers.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the transportation
2 equipment outlets, the transportation equipment distributor, the transportation
3 equipment supplier via a network-based interface.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the transportation
2 equipment distributor and the transportation equipment supplier only after
3 verification of an identity thereof.

- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the transportation equipment outlets, the
2 transportation equipment distributor, and the transportation equipment supplier
3 each forecast utilizing the data.
- 1 7. A system for managing a transportation equipment supply chain utilizing a
2 network, comprising:
 - 3 a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of transportation equipment outlets of a
4 transportation equipment supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the
5 sale of transportation equipment by the transportation equipment outlets;
 - 6 b) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering
7 transportation equipment from a transportation equipment distributor of the
8 transportation equipment supply chain;
 - 9 c) logic for transmitting the data to the transportation equipment distributor of the
10 transportation equipment supply chain utilizing the network;
 - 11 d) logic for transmitting the data to a transportation equipment supplier of the
12 transportation equipment supply chain utilizing the network; and
 - 13 e) logic for forecasting activity in the transportation equipment supply chain
14 utilizing the data.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 transportation equipment distributors and transportation equipment suppliers.
- 1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the transportation
2 equipment outlets, the transportation equipment distributor, the transportation
3 equipment supplier via a network-based interface.
- 1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the transportation
2 equipment distributor and the transportation equipment supplier only after
3 verification of an identity thereof.

- 1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the transportation equipment outlets, the
2 transportation equipment distributor, and the transportation equipment supplier
3 each forecast utilizing the data.
- 1 13. A computer program product for managing a transportation equipment supply
2 chain utilizing a network, comprising:
- 3 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of transportation equipment
4 outlets of a transportation equipment supply chain utilizing a network, the data
5 relating to the sale of transportation equipment by the transportation equipment
6 outlets;
- 7 b) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data for
8 ordering transportation equipment from a transportation equipment distributor of
9 the transportation equipment supply chain;
- 10 c) computer code for transmitting the data to the transportation equipment distributor
11 of the transportation equipment supply chain utilizing the network;
- 12 d) computer code for transmitting the data to a transportation equipment supplier of
13 the transportation equipment supply chain utilizing the network; and
- 14 e) computer code for forecasting activity in the transportation equipment supply
15 chain utilizing the data.
- 1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is parsed to match
2 each of a plurality of transportation equipment distributors and transportation
3 equipment suppliers.
- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data is made accessible
2 to the transportation equipment outlets, the transportation equipment distributor,
3 the transportation equipment supplier via a network-based interface.

- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the data is accessible to the
2 transportation equipment distributor and the transportation equipment supplier
3 only after verification of an identity thereof.

- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the transportation equipment
2 outlets, the transportation equipment distributor, and the transportation equipment
3 supplier each forecast utilizing the data.